

REMARKS

The above-outlined presentation of the claims and the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2009. In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with examination of the application on the merits, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect the continued prosecution of the invention identified as Group I, and correspondingly recited in claims 1, 3-12 and 17 without traverse. Claims 13-16 and 18 are hereby withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully submit that the inventorship of the present application is not changed upon the election set forth above.

Applicants understand that all of the non-elected inventions and their corresponding claims are hereby withdrawn from further consideration in this pending application. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional applications on such non-elected inventions.

Conclusion

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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